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SUBJ: CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY DEVELOPMENTS

1. SUMMARY: CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY PASSED TWO MOTIONS AT SEPTEMBER 12 SESSION EXPRESSING ITS "SOLIDARITY" WITH WORKERS AND CONDEMN-
ING THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON LEFTIST ASSEMBLY MEMBERS. THE
LATTZR MOTION WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ENDORSED BY THE MINISTER OF
INTERIOR. WORKING COMMITTEES ARE HOLDING THEIR FIRST ORGANI-
ZATIONAL MEETINGS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE LABOR MOTION INTRODUCED BY THE PPC, APRA AND THE MDP
DECLARED THE "SOLIDARITY" OF THE ASSEMBLY WITH WORKERS AND THE
"PEOPLE". THE MOTION CALLED FOR RAPID COMPLETION OF THE NEW
CONSTITUTION WHICH WILL PROVIDE BASIC ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS
FOR THE WORKING CLASS. THE ASSEMBLY REJECTED THE LEFT'S MOTION
(ORIGINALLY INTRODUCED DURING THE JULY 28 INSTALLATION OF THE
ASSEMBLY) CALLING FOR LABOR AMNESTY AND REHIRING OF FIRED WORKERS.
THE DEBATE ON THIS ISSUE PROVOKED PPC LEADER BEDOYA REYES INTO A
VIRULENT CONFRONTATION WITH UDP DELEGATES CARLOS MALPICA AND
JAVIER DIEZ CANSECO IN WHICH MALPICA CALLED BEDOYA A LIAR AND
BEDOYA ATTACKED DIEZ CANSECO FOR HIS "JUVENILE CAPRICIOUSNESS".
PPC IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH APRA ON RESOLUTION WON ITS POINT
THAT NO SPECIFIC MENTION OF "LABOR STABILITY" NOR
"REPOSITIONING" OF FIRED WORKERS BE MADE AND FINAL RESOLUTION IS
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VAGUE ENOUGH TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO GOP AS WELL. THE SECOND MOTION
CONDEMNNS TERRORISM AND CALLS FOR THE IDENTIFICATION AND PUNISH-
MENT OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR RECENT ATTACKS ON LEFTIST ASSEMBLY
MEMBERS.

3. THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR, GENERAL FERNANDO VELIT, DECLARED
AFTER A SEPTEMBER 13 MEETING WITH HAYA DE LA TORRE THAT THE GOP

IS IN ACCORD WITH THE ASSEMBLY'S RESOLUTION CONDEMNING TERRORISM.
HE ADDED THAT INVESTIGATIONS ARE UNDERWAY TO DISCOVER THE IDENTITY
OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACKS AGAINST LEFTIST LEADERS.

4. EIGHT ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES HAVE MET AND ELECTED THEIR SECRE-
TARIES AND REPORTERS. FIVE, INCLUDING THE SENSITIVE HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMITTEE, ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET FOR THE FIRST TIME SEPTEMBER 14.

5. COMMENT: ONE APRA ASSEMBLY MEMBER, WELL-KNOWN FOR HIS EARLIER
INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING, TOLD US THAT HE REQUESTED NOT TO SERVE
ON EITHER OF THE TWO INVESTIGATORY COMMITTEES. HE EXPECTS THE
WORK OF THE COMMITTEES TO BE A POINTLESS EXERCISE SINCE NEITHER
APRA NOR PPC WANTS TO CONFRONT THE GOP ON THESE ISSUES.

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